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1. The Hungarian Ministry for Metallurgical and Mechanical Industries includes a war industry section. This is made up of the following departments:
  - a. Explosives and the manufacture of munitions;
  - b. Tanks and weapons;
  - c. Aircraft and aircraft engines.
2. In the first half of 1952 there was an approximate 20 percent lag in the Hungarian war production plan due to the drawn-out deliveries of semi-finished products and raw materials and due to the insufficient quantities of these items.<sup>1</sup> In early 1953, Moscow, dissatisfied with Hungarian war production, sent to the ministry a Colonel Andrey Fyodorovich MESKOV to improve the situation.<sup>2</sup> MESKOV was given free hand to examine all production methods and the rate of work (Arbeitstempo) in the projects undertaken by the Ministry.
3. The production schedule for 1953 was increased to 136.2 percent to make up for the lag in last year's production. The 20 percent lag was to be made up during the first half of 1953. In order to meet the production requirements, the experts ordered an increased requisition of forced labor which the Ministry was authorized to take from other projects. In the future, forced labor is to be used in other projects only when the Metallurgical and Mechanical Industries Ministry has declared that its needs had been met. Already a great number of laborers have been transferred from the building of stone bridges, undertaken by the Ministry for Construction, as well as from various mining projects.
4. It is rumored that one reason for the lag in production was that the underground industrial installation near Jobbagyi (J 05) was not finished on time, due to unforeseen difficulties caused by earth and rock formations. The

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dynamite which had been ordered was not on hand for the workers and there was a shortage of specialists.

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1. It should be noted that the 1952 production reported by the Ministry for Medium Machine Industry (name of the ministry prior to 4 July 1953) was less than that of any other ministry. This fact has not been publicized. not has any action been taken hitherto against any individual in charge.
2. MESKOV is not believed to be the Colonel's real name.

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